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Partnering for Change: Addressing Homelessness in Los Angeles County

Los Angeles County Division – California League of Cities
General Membership Meeting

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CCF's Donor Services

- **CCF offers a variety of ways to empower donors to turn generosity into impact on their own terms:**
 - Open a Donor Advised Fund
 - Create a Legacy
 - Help us Transform L.A.



Building Los Angeles Together

- **Our vision:** *Building a county with better jobs, safer and healthier communities and quality education*
- **Investments to help LA thrive**
 - Education
 - Health
 - Housing & Economic Opportunity
 - Smart Growth
 - Arts
 - Immigrant Integration

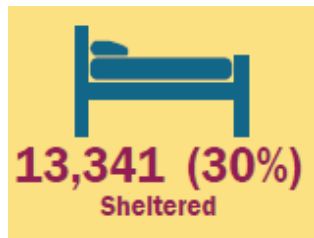


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Homeless Capital of the Nation

150,000 individuals chronically or sporadically homeless



Homeless persons enumerated in 2015 are twice as likely to be unsheltered



31,018 (70%)
Unsheltered

Homelessness by Household Type



81%
33,389 Single Adults



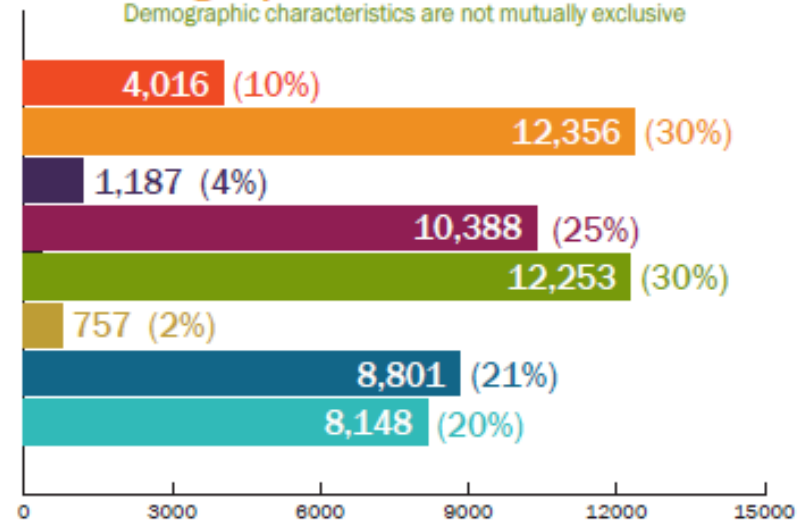
18%
7,505 Family Members



1%
280 Unaccompanied Minors

Demographics of Homelessness

Demographic characteristics are not mutually exclusive



- Veterans
- Chronically Homeless Individuals
- Chronically Homeless Family Members
- Substance Abuse
- Mental Illness
- Persons with HIV/AIDS
- Domestic Violence Experience
- Physical Disability

Despite the increase in the overall population, homelessness among veterans has remained relatively flat since 2013



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Addressing Homelessness

- What are best solutions?
- How does implementation work?
- What are the funding sources?
- How can the California Community Foundation provide support?



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Short Term vs. Long Term Solutions

- **Shelters and temporary housing**
 - Immediate and humane
 - Doesn't get to root problems

- **Investment in housing is key to get people off the street**
 - Affordable housing
 - Permanent supportive housing



HOME GOOD

An initiative of United Way of Greater Los Angeles
& L.A. Area Chamber of Commerce

TO END CHRONIC AND VETERAN HOMELESSNESS IN LA BY 2016

THE PLAN

1

**KNOW WHO'S HOMELESS AND
WHAT THEY NEED**



2

**CREATE THE HOUSING AND
SERVICES TO HELP PEOPLE
THRIVE**



3

**SHIFT TO A HOUSING FIRST
SYSTEM**



4

**GET INVOLVED, INVOLVE
OTHERS**



Home for Good: Demonstrating Results

Since 2011, Home for Good partners have housed **27,478** homeless people, including:

15,436 Veterans	12,042 Chronically Homeless
2,701 still need housing	15,121 still need housing

Foundations and the public sector have jointly aligned more than **\$650 million** over the last four years to address homelessness in Los Angeles County.

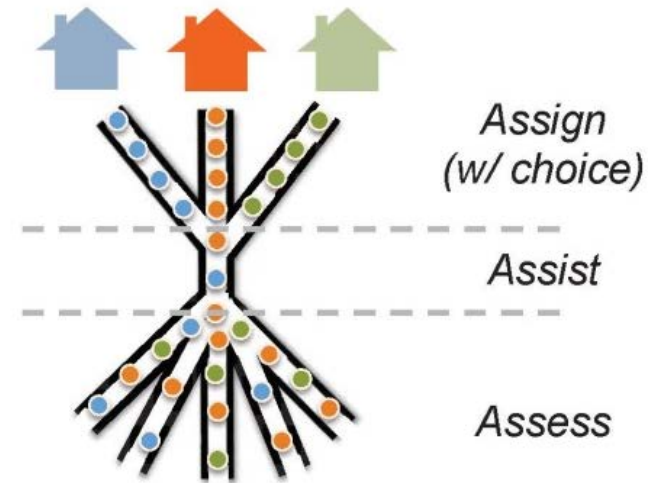


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Coordinated Entry System – July 2014

- Know everyone on our streets and in shelters
- Harness all possible housing and services resources
- Link each person to the right housing for their needs
- Lower admin costs, increase efficiency and speed



Our Hope



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What is Permanent Supportive Housing?

- **It's just housing!**
 - Renovation or conversion of existing buildings
 - Construction of new apartment buildings
- **With operating budgets that also ensure residents receive supportive services**

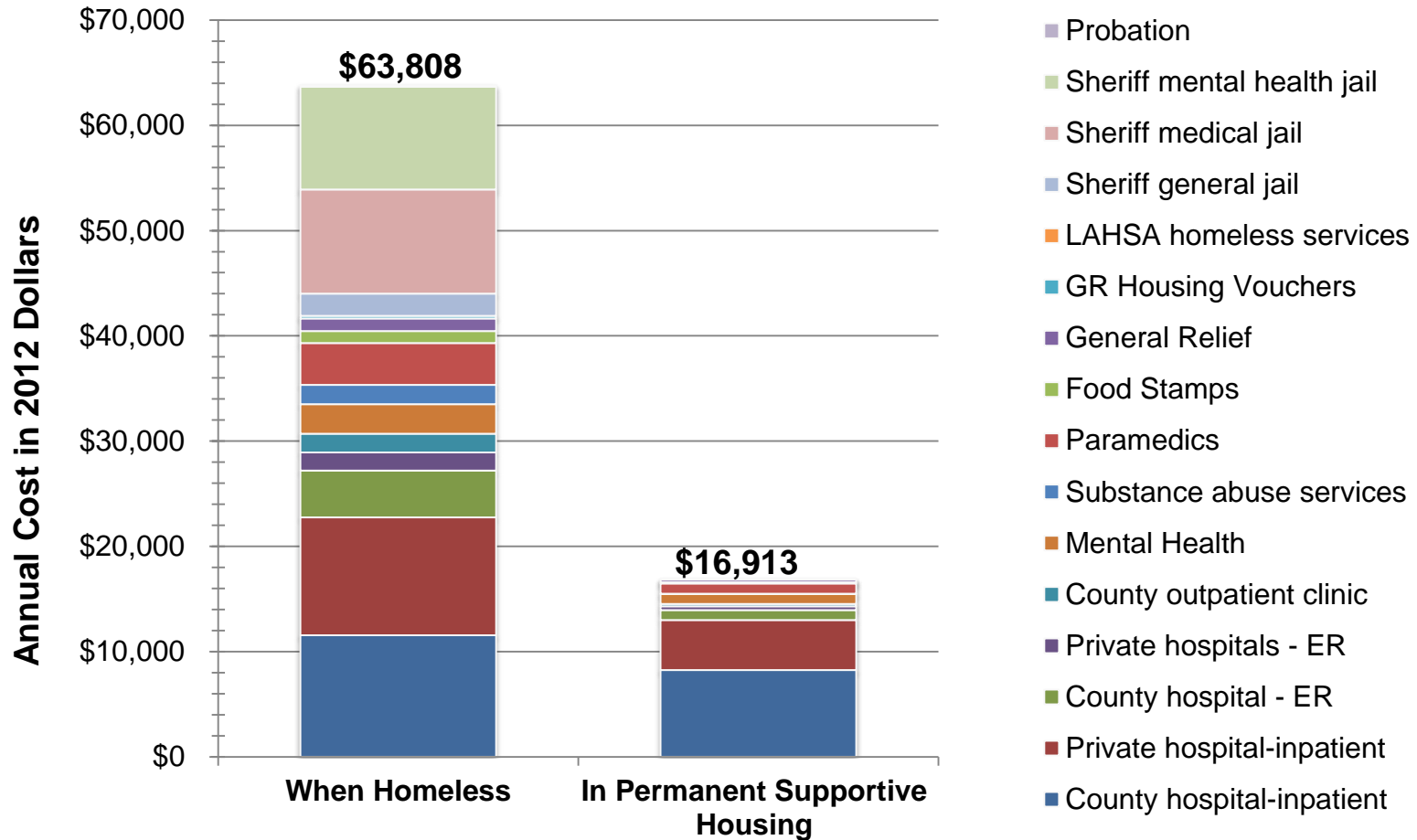
Gold standard in addressing chronic homelessness: Supportive housing with case management



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Why Permanent Supportive Housing?



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“Housing for Health Program”

L.A. County Dept. of Health Services

- Permanent supportive housing model
- Partners with nonprofit agency, Brilliant Corners
 - Leases units in larger building throughout L.A. County
- Assigned mental and physical health provider for each tenant
- Assigned case worker and emergency call number

Goal: House 10,000 individuals within 5 years to save up to \$320 million per year.



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Housing Impact on L.A. County Health Budget

- **\$70 million** per year inpatient costs for homeless patients
- **\$32,000** year-over-year savings following housing a DHS client
- Reduction in hospital utilization by homeless before and after housing:
 - 77% reduction in emergency room visits
 - 77% reduction in inpatient admissions
 - 85% reduction in inpatient days



Accelerating Permanent Supportive Housing

- **Increase number of PSH units in City of Los Angeles three-fold**
- **Shorten the entitlement process**
 - Cutting timeline by two years reduces average cost per project by \$330k
- **Work with cities throughout the county to implement PSH**



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Resources to End Homelessness

Los Angeles County “Boomerang” Fund	State Legislative Proposals
\$30M in 2016	No Place Like Home: \$2B for PSH statewide
Increase to \$100M/year in four years	Additional \$200M to provide rental subsidies over short-term
	Assembly proposed \$1.3B for affordable housing



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Partnering with CCF

- **Can Provide Grants to Community Organizations**
 - Research to make the case: polling, cost analysis
 - Build local community leadership to facilitate support, create public will, and combat NIMBYs
- **Linkages to experts and technical assistance to create PSH**
- **Loans and start up grants to fast track the construction process, but cannot cover subsidy costs for construction**

72% of voters support permanent supportive housing

Only 35% believe police-based solutions are most effective



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